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AB Side effects of immunologic drugs are reviewed. Vaccinations with BCG; influenza, measles, pneumococcal vaccine; poliomyelitis, rubella, tetanus vaccine, whooping cough and mixed vaccines, and interferon are discussed. Serious reactions to diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus vaccine are convulsions and abnormal screaming; to measles, encephalitis; to rubella, temporary arthritis and nerve and brain damage; and to oral polio (live virus), paralytic polio. Adverse reactions to **interferon** include hypertension, leukopenia, **anemia**, fatigue, and liver function changes; all are reversible after withdrawal of interferon. (55 Refs)